<u>**REMARKS**</u>

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of July 7, 2003.

All of the Examiner's objections and rejections are traversed.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

<u>**The Office Action**</u>

Claims 1-20 were presented for examination.

Claims 1-20 are now in the application.

Claims 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-5, 7-18, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bodhar et al. (U.S. Patent 6,544,296).

Claims 6 and 19 stand rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bodhar et al. (U.S. Patent 6,544,296) in view of Tonomura et al. (U.S. Patent 6,571,054).

Claims 1, 15, 17, 19 and 20 have been amended.

<u>**The Non-Art Rejections**</u>

The title has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Rejection of **claim 6** under section 112, second paragraph has been alleviated by the appropriate amendments. It is respectfully requested that this ground for rejection of claim 6 be withdrawn.

<u>**Claims 1-14 are in condition for allowance:**</u>

Claim 1 calls for among other limitations: a document processing system having a user interface for creating a plurality of tabbed pages within said document, each tabbed page carrying an individual tab, said user interface comprising: a tab data entry frame facilitating entry of a number of unique tab positions to format said tabbed pages; and a page preview frame showing a layout of unique tab positions for formatted tabbed pages. Bodnar discloses a software

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utility that helps users to organize programs and Web sites. The user interface in Bodnar facilitates creating lists of marks, which are organized by tabs, folders, and visual icons. (Fig. 9B). Therefore, Bodnar discloses creating and managing a user interface control window having a plurality of tabs and buttons with links to programs and Web sites. Bodnar adds new tabs by clicking on "New Tab" on a menu. The new tab gets added in line with other tabs on the page. Bodnar does not disclose or suggest a document processing system which creates tabbed pages within the document, each page having its own individual tab as disclosed in claim 1. In addition, Bodnar does not disclose or suggest entering unique tab positions and displaying a preview of the tab layout for formatted tabbed pages as also disclosed in claim 1. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 1 and claims 2-14 dependent on claim 1 distinguish patentably and unobviously over Bodnar.

Claims 15-16 in condition for allowance:

Claim 15 calls for among other limitations: a user interface to automatically configure tabbed pages within a document having a plurality of pages to partition said pages into sections; and an output device for processing said document including said tabbed and said partitioned sections. Bodnar discloses an interface having manageable lists of marks organized by tabs. Bodnar discloses adding new tabs to the control center by a use of a pull down menu. (Col. 9, lines 64+). The user clicks "New Tab" at the menu, enters a name for the new tab and a tab type such as "Desktop Items" or "Explorer Favorites." The tab gets automatically positioned along with other tabs at the control center at the displayed user interface page. Therefore, Bodnar discloses creating and managing a user interface window having a plurality of tabs and buttons with links to programs and Web sites. Bodnar does not disclose or suggest a user interface to automatically configure tabbed pages to be inserted onto a document to divide a plurality of regular pages into sections and process the complete document on an output device as claimed in claim 15. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 15

and claim 16 dependent on claim 15 distinguish patentably and unobviously over Bodnar.

Claims 17-19 in condition for allowance:

Claim 17 calls for among other limitations: entering tab modulus data including a number of unique tab positions; receiving entered tab modulus data; determining a location of a tab on each of said tabbed pages based on received modulus data. Bodnar discloses an interface having manageable lists of marks organized by tabs. The marks let the user to jump to a Web site or start a program. Bodnar discloses adding new tabs to the control center by a use of a pull down menu. (Col. 9, lines 64+). The user clicks "New Tab" at the menu, enters a name for the new tab and a tab type such as "Desktop Items" or "Explorer Favorites." The tab gets positioned along with other tabs at the control center at the displayed user interface page. Bodnar does not disclose or suggest processing a document having tabbed pages, entering tab modulus data including a number of unique tab positions and determining a location of a tab on each of the tabbed pages based on received modulus data as claimed in claim 17. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 17 and claims 18-19 dependent on claim 17 distinguish patentably and unobviously over Bodnar.

Claim 20 in condition for allowance:

Claim 20 calls for among other limitations: assigning tabs and tabs properties to the precut pages tabs to generate a stock of the tabs, including entering tab modulus including a location of each tab, content and properties of each tab; formatting said document, including: receiving tab modulus data of the tab stock, determining a location of each printable tab, receiving tab content for each tab, positioning said received tab content onto an associated tab, receiving data identifying locations of said tabbed pages in said document, and automatically determining the locations of said tabbed pages in said document to reflect most recently entered tab stock modulus; and transmitting said document to a printing device. Bodnar does not disclose or suggest processing a document by generating

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a tab stock including tab stock modulus, content and properties of each tab; formatting the document including calculating of the tab positions and placing the tab content on each tab in accordance with the assigned properties, and transmitting said document having to a printing device as claimed in claim 20. In addition, Bodnar does not disclose or suggest automatically calculating the locations of the tabbed pages in the document to reflect changes in the tab modulus, e.g. automatically inserting and deleting tabbed pages, as claimed in claim 20. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 20 distinguishes patentably and unobviously over Bodnar.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application (**Claims 1-20**) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this Amendment A. However, the undersigned attorney of record hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Deposit Account No. 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Mark Svat, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

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